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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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CHEROKEE FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, PLO

SUBJECT:PLO RESERVATION OF ITS POSITION ON REFUGEE WORDING  
IN RESOLUTION 242

REF: DAMASCUS 3021

1. BY SEPTTEL YOU WILL BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS (ALSO  
SENT AMMAN AND CAIRO) FOR BRIEFING SYRIANS ON FAHD VISIT.  
YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE IDEA WAS TOUCHED ON OF POSSIBLE  
PLO ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION 242 WITH A RESERVATION TO  
COVER PLO OBJECTIONS THAT RESOLUTION 242 TREATS PALES-  
TINIANS ONLY AS REFUGEES.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM SYRIANS WHO ARE PRIVY TO THIS IDEA  
THAT IT WAS MENTIONED BY US DURING THE PRESIDENT'S  
MEETING WITH FAHD AND THAT, IN ADDITION TO INFORMING  
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SYRIANS OF THIS, WE ARE ALSO TELLING EGYPTIANS AND  
JORDANIANS. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL THEM THAT WE DID NOT  
PLACE ANY PARTICULAR STRESS ON THIS IDEA IN DISCUSSIONS  
WITH SAUDIS AND DID NOT ASK THEM TO PURSUE IT WITH PLO.  
WE WANTED SYRIANS TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT AMMAN, CAIRO AND  
JIDDA ARE NOW AWARE OF THIS POSSIBLE FORMULA FOR PLO ACCEPTANCE  
OF RESOLUTION 242 AND THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THEIR

MENTIONING IT IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIANS, SAUDIS,

AND JORDANIANS, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE  
TREATED IN UTMOST CONFIDENCE FOR REASONS WE HAVE  
PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED. CHRISTOPHER

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